



## Ennia Insurance and Banco di Caribe kick-off the Ansary Foundation School Sports Project with a donation to St. Paulus in San Nicolas

Banco di Caribe and Ennia, with the generous support of the Ansary Foundation, made a substantial contribution to support Aruba's educational programs of its primary schools through supporting sports. General Managers of Banco di Caribe, Menelio Loefstok and Herbert Ignacio, joined Röger Schimmel of ENNIA in awarding a symbolic check to Randy Arend of the St. Paulus School in San Nicolas and Jessy Beukenboom of IDEFRE in the amount of 228,010 Aruban Florins this past Thursday, May 10. Additionally present was Mr. Norman Browne, Head of School Sports for Aruba.

The Ansary Foundation was established by Hushang Ansary, Chairman of Parman International, the primary shareholder of Banco di Caribe, ENNIA and NIBanc, which is located in Curaçao. The Ansary Foundation is a strong advocate of education, health care and youth related programs.

In Aruba, the government-authorized administrator of sports programs, IDEFRE, has been charged with coordinating the disbursements of the funds amongst the primary schools. A portion has been designated for school materials and the upgrading of sports facilities. Others will be used for the purchase of specialized equipment such as trampolines and large mats that will be made available to all schools on a lending basis managed by IDEFRE. The donation will also be used for equipment needed for the annual fitness testing of all primary school students.

The donation on Thursday signified the launching of the program, as St. Paulus School in San Nicolas is the first recipients of new sports equipment for its students. IDEFRE officials consider St. Paulus "a dynamic school that participates in all school sports programs," with champions in various fields of competition and the largest participation in the Betico Croes School Olympics within their district. Although the school does not have a gymnasium, "the teachers do their utmost to continue the physical exercise lessons according to schedule and rely on the support of parents who volunteer to prepare the children for sports competition against other schools." St. Paulus received an individual donation of 2,500 Aruban florins from the funds provided by the Ansary Foundation.

The Ansary Foundation has chosen to support primary schools in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba with one million florins for the promotion of physical activity to achieve a "sound mind in a healthy body." Based on the percentage of commercial transactions of their two businesses on the island, Aruba received over twenty percent of the total donation. The Ansary Foundation considers this a symbol of the continued commitment of investment by Banco di Caribe and ENNIA in the community. They are confident that projects that support the local communities such as this one, "will play a key role in fostering healthy and physically active individuals for generations."